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# I COULDN'T STAY AWAY.

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Way down in old Kentucky,  
Where I was bred and born,  
And where dis chile was lucky,  
To live and hoe de corn,  
Where in my happy childhood,  
With heart as bright and gay,  
As birds within the wild-wood,  
Who sing the live long day.

#### CHORUS.

I couldn't, no I couldn't,  
I couldn't stay away from dare,  
I couldn't, no I shouldn't  
I wouldn't stay away.

I once did love a sweet one,  
Way down in Dixie's land,  
And one day popped the question,  
To give my heart and hand,  
And she said her heart had been won,  
That I away should stay,  
Said I oh gentle maiden—  
I couldn't stay away.

And as I gazed upon her,  
A little smile she smile,  
I knew that I had won her,  
Was sole heir of her soul.  
I pressed her to my bosom,  
A little wink she wunk,  
And wilted like a blossom,  
To think that I had thunk.

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